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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: James D. Dale, Richard J. Lanigan

Application No.: 10/697,176

Group No.: 3746

Filed: 10/30/2003

Examiner: Not Assigned

For: System and Method for Pumping Fluid Using a Pump Cassette

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL AND
RESPONSE TO
NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEM(S) IN A NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

- Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

- Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

- The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE			ADDIT. FEE	
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INDEP.	3	-	3	=	0	x \$ 86.00	= \$ 0.00
<u>FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM</u>					+ \$ 0.00	= \$ 0.00	
						TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	\$ 0.00

No additional fee for claims is required.

FEE DEFICIENCY

5. An additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 19-4972.

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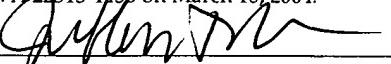
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the **Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application** of February 2, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.